[Translation]

Foreign Assistance for Welfare of Tribals

923. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ 3443, dated 29.8.96 and state:

(a) whether information in this regard has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the time by which the information is likely to be collected?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The assurance on the USQ No. 3443 of 29.8.96 was fulfilled vide reply furnished on 7.6.1997. It was replied with reference to Parts (a) & (b) of the question that International Fund for Agricultural Development, Rome has financed two Tribal Development Projects in Andhra Pradesh and one Tribal Development Programme in Orissa. The World Bank has financed Bihar Plateau Development Project in Bihar. There are no such projects in Gujarat, as intimated by the State Government and with reference to part (c) to (g) it was replied that The State Government have intimated that there are no tribal development projects financed by Foreign Institution and as such these questions do not arise.

(c) and (d) The question does not arise.

[English]

Population of Tigers

924. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS to be pleased to state:

(a) the population of Tigers in the country inside the National Parks and outside, State-wise;

(b) whether the population of Tigers has reduced in the country from the last ten years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Population of Tigers in different states and Tiger Reserves is given in Statements I and II.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Nation-wide estimation of population of tiger is carried out every four years. The details may be seen in the statements.

Statement I

Population of Tigers in the Tiger Reserve Areas

	Name of Reserve	1979	1984	1989	1993	1995
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Bandipur (Karnataka)	39	53	50	66	74
2.	Corbett (Uttar Pradesh)	84	90	91	123	128
3.	Kanha (Madhya Pradesh)	71	109	97	100	97
4.	Manas (Assam)	69	123	92	81	94
5.	Melghat (Maharashtra)	63	80	77	72	71
6.	Palamau (Bihar)	37	62	55	44	47
7.	Ranthambhore (Rajasthan)	25	38	44	36	38